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report containing information on meteorological observations in the Black Sea; description of the Crimean Coast along the Straits of Kerch; installations in the port of Zhdanov; and description and formations sighted in the Black Sea. Attached to the report are sketch maps of the Straits of Kerch, and of the Port of Zhdanov.

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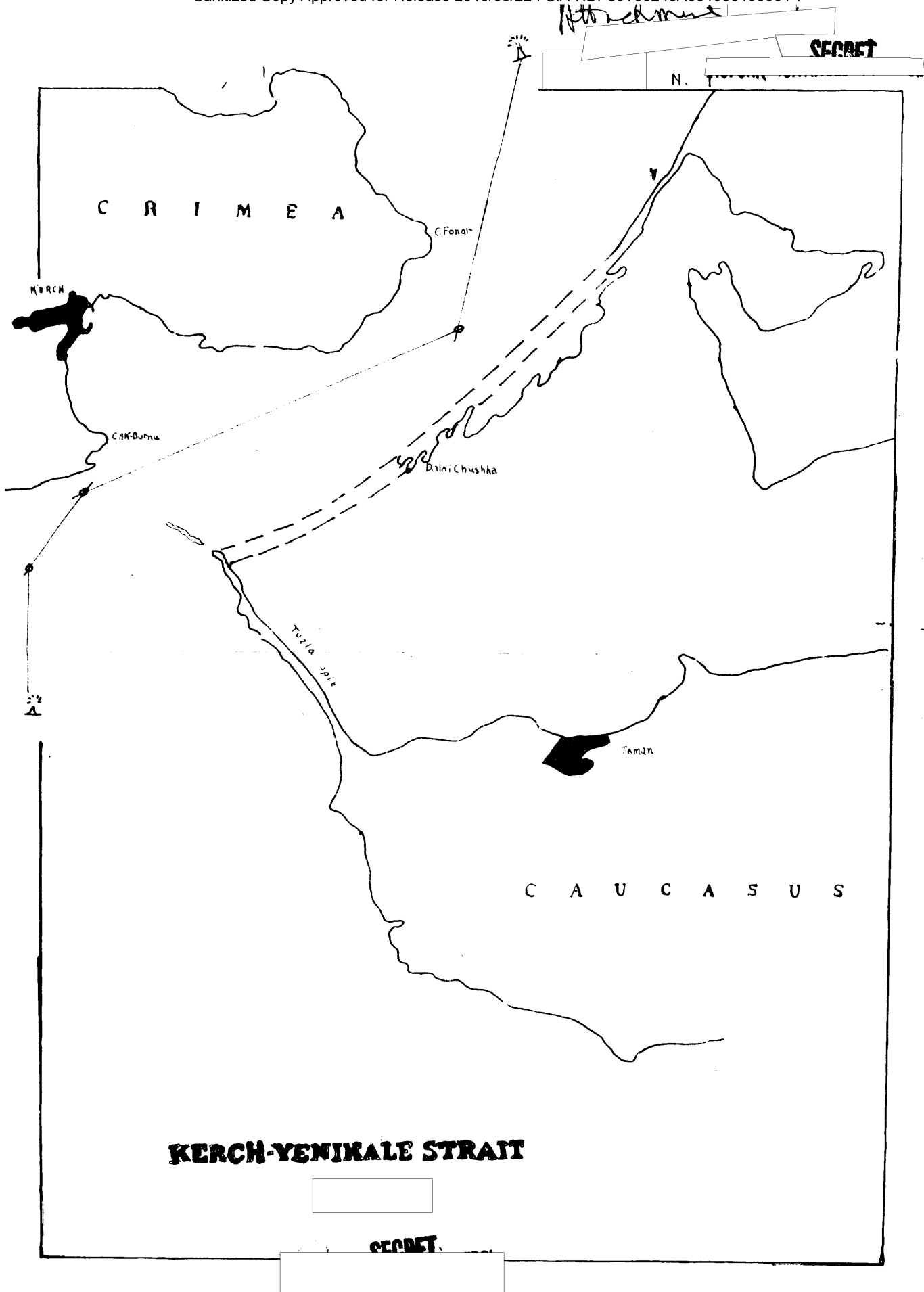
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